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THE
LAST WILL
AND TESTAMENT

OF M^r. IOHN KENDRICKE
late Citizen and Draper of
L O N D O N :

Who departed this life the 30. day of
December, anno, 1624.

Full of notable workes of charity, worthy of lasting
memory and imitation.



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THE LAST WILL and Testament of Master *Iohn*

Kendricke, of *London*
Draper, &c.



IN the name of God,
Amen.

The nine and twentieth of *December*, *Anno Domini* 1624. and
in the two and twentieth yeare
of the Reigne of our Soueraigne
Lord King *Iames*, &c.

I *Iohn Kendricke* of the City
of *London*, Draper, being sicke in Body, but of good
and perfect mind and memory, (for which I giue most
humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God) do make,
ordaine, and declare this my last Will and Testament,
in manner and forme following: (that is to say)

First and before all things, I commend and commit
my Soule to Almighty God my Creator, trusting most
assuredly to be saued by the death, passion, and onely
merits of *Iesus Christ* my Sauiour and Redeemer.

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And I will that my body bee decently interred in Christian Buriall in the Parish of Saint *Christopher*, where I dwell, as mine Executor hereafter named shall order and appoint.

Item, I giue and bequeath to 60 poore men to euery of them a Gowne of broad-cloath, to weare on the day of my buriall, and twelue pence a piece in money to pay for their dinners ; the same poore men to be such as my Executor shall appoint.

Item, I giue and bequeath blacke gowns and cloaks to be worne at my buriall by my Kindred, Friends, and Seruants, as my Executor shall thinke meet, not exceeding the summe of six hundred pounds in the said gowns and cloakes, and the rest of the charges of my Funerall.

Item, I giue and bequeath the summe of three score pounds to be bestowed vpon a dinner to bee provided for my friends, and the Inhabitants of the Parish of S. *Christopher*, where I now dwell, vpon the day of my buriall, and in such place as my Executor shall think meet and conuenient.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior, and Burgessees of the Town of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, (I meane to the body corporate, or Corporation of the said Towne of *Reading*, by whatsoeuer name or addition the same is made or knowne) the Summe of ten thousand and five hundred pounds, vpon speciall trust and confidence that they shall therewith perform these vses following: (that is to say)

The said Maior and Burgessees shall buy and purchase

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vnto them and their Successors for euer, I say, to the Body Corporate of the said Towne of *Reading*, by whatsoeuer name or addition the same is made or knowne, Lands and Hereditaments of the cleare value of fifty pounds by the year, ouer and aboue all charges and reprises : which summe of fifty pounds a yeare, my will and meaning is, shall bee paid by the said Mayor and Burgesses, and their Successors, vnto my sister *Anna Newman* yearly during her naturall life. And after her deceale the same yearly summe of fifty pounds shall be paid by the said Maior and Burgesses, and their Successors, to the Ouerseers for the poore of the said towne of *Reading* for the time being yearly for euer. And by them the said Ouerseers for the time being, shall be bestowed and distributed to and among the poore people of the said Towne for euer : to wit, the moietie thereof euery halfe yeare, in such summes, and to such persons as the said Ouerseers for the time being, shall thinke meet, according to the necessity and desert of the same seuerall persons.

Provided alwayes, and my meaning is, that this my yearly gift shall not any way abridge the said poore of the ordinary allowances vsually assessed and collected of the wealthier sort of the Inhabitants of the said town towards the reliefe of the said poore people : but shall be vnto them an additament and cleare encrease of reliefe yearly for euer.

And if this my gift and prouision shall happen (which I trust it shal not) to be by the said Maior and Burgesses, or by the said Ouerseers for the time being, ordered and

and disposed contrary to my meaning thus declared
 or that my will and desire aboue expressed, touching
 the bestowing and distribution of the said summe of
 fifty pounds yearly be omitted, neglected, or left vn-
 performed by the space of one whole yeare after it is
 by this my Will appointed to be distributed and besto-
 wed as aforesaid: Then my will and meaning is, that
 the said summe and reuennue of fiftie pounds a yeare
 shall be by the said Maior and Burgessees, and their Suc-
 cessors for the time being for euer, paid vnto the Trea-
 surer of Christs Hospitall in *London*, and by the Gouver-
 nours of the same Hospitall employed and bestowed
 in the reliefe and education of the poore children of
 the said Hospitall: Or else that the said Mayor and Bur-
 gesses for the time being, shall by their sufficient Deed
 in Law conuey, and make ouer the lands and Heredi-
 taments of the said yearly value of fiftie pounds vnto
 the Maior and Communalitie, and Citizens of the City
 of *London*, and their Successors for euer, vnto the vse of
 the said Hospitall, to be employed as aforesaid.

Provided alwayes, that the said fiftie pounds a yeare
 be yearly paid vnto my said sister *Anna Newman* during
 her naturall life: and after her decease to the charitable
 vses aforesaid.

Moreouer, my will and meaning, as also my trust
 and confidence in the said Maior and Burgessees of the
 Towne of *Reading*, is, that with another competent
 part of the said summe of seuen thousand five hundred
 pounds, so by mee deuised as aforesaid, they the said
 Maior and Burgessees shall buy and purchase vnto them
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and their Successors for euer, a faire plot of ground within the said towne of *Reading*, or the liberties thereof: and thereupon shall erect and build a strong house of Bricke fit and commodious for setting of the poore on worke therein; or else shall buy and purchase such an house, being already built, if they can finde one already fitting, or that may with a reasonable summe be made fit for the said vse; the same house to haue a faire garden adioyning, and to be from time to time kept in good and sufficient reparations by the said Mayor and Burgessees for the time being, for euer. Which house and garden my will is, shall be vsed and occupied by such as the said Maior and Burgessees and their Successors from time to time for euer shall appoint and ordaine for the employing and handling of the stocke of money be me hereby left and deuised to that purpose.

And my will and meaning is, that the said lands and hereditaments of the yearly value of fifty pounds, and also the said house and garden being bought and purchased as aforesaid, with parcell of the said summe of seven thousand five hundred pounds; then the whole residue and remainder of the same seven thousand and five hundred pounds shall make and be a common stock to be employed and bestowed in trade of clothing, either in making of coloured cloathes, or whites, as the time shall require; and also in working of Wooll, Hemp, Flax, Iron, grinding of Brasill woods, and other stufes for Dying, or otherwise, as to the said Maior and Burgessees aforesaid and their Successors for euer shall seeme conuenient for the employment of poore
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people, and for the preservation and encrease of the said common stocke.

And the said Maior and Burgeses, and their Successors for ever, shall have the election, placing, and ordering, as also the displacing (if cause bee) of all and leuery person and persons to be employed in the handling and husbanding of the said common stocke in the house aforesaid, according to their the said Maior and Burgeses good discretion, from time to time for ever.

Wherein yet my desire is, that they shall preferre the poore of the said towne to the said worke and employment before others of other places.

And for the performances of these premisses, my will is, that the summe of seuen thousand and five hundred pounds before for this end by mee bequeathed to the said Maior and Burgeses, shall bee paid vnto them or their Successors, in manner and forme following, (that is to say) two thousand pounds thereof at the end of one yeare next after my decease: Other two thousand pounds thereof at the end of two yeares next after the day of my decease: And the residue of the said whole Summe, being three thousand and five hundred pounds, at the end of three yeares next ensuing after and from the day of such my decease.

But if it shall happen (as my trust is it will not) that the said Maior and Burgeses or their Successors, shall neglect, omit, or faile to performe the premisses according to my will and meaning aboue declared, or shall misemploy the said Stocke, contrary to the true intent and

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and meaning of this my deuce and disposicion for the good of the poore, and their honest employment and maintenance as aforesaid; and that such their neglect, omission, or misemployment, shall continue at any time by the space of one whole yeare together: Then my will and meaning is, that my said whole Legacy of seuen thousand and five hundred pounds, and euerie part and parcell thereof, shall be thence vitterly void, frustrate, and of none effect; as to, for, and concerning the said Maior, and Burgeses, and their Successors; and as to, for, and concerning the vses thereof before limited and expressed: And that the said whole common stocke shall bee by them the said Maior and Burgeses, and their Successors for the time being, forthwith paid vnto the Maior and Commonaltrie and Citizens of the City of London, to the vse of Christs Hospitall in London, according as I haue aboue deuised and disposed touching the reuennue of fifty pounds a yeare for euer, first bequeathed to the vse and releefe of the poore people of the Towne of Reading.

As also my will and meaning is, that in this case of non-performance by the said Maior and Burgeses, the house and garden to be purchased in Reading, as aforesaid, shall be by the said Maior and Burgeses, and their Successors, conueyed and made ouer by their Deed sufficient in Law, vnto the said Maior and Commonalty and Citizens of the Citie of London, and their Successors for euer, to the like vse of Christs Hospitall in London, as aforesaid.

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Item, I giue and bequeath to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesſes of the towne of *Newbery* in the Countie of *Berks*, (I meane the Bodie corporate of the ſame Towne) the ſumme of foure thouſand pounds to buy and purchaſe therewith a commodious houſe and garden, within the ſame towne, or the liberties thereof, to ſet the poore on worke : and with the reſidue of the ſame Summe to make a common ſtocke for the imployment of the poore in the ſaid houſe, according to the good diſcretion of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes, from time to time for euer ; And according to my meaning before declared in the deuifing of the Summe of ſeuē thouſand and five hundred pounds to the Maior and Burgeſſes of the towne of *Reading* to the like uſe.

But my will and meaning is, that if it ſhall happen (which I truſt will not) that the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the towne of *Newbery*, or their ſucceſſors, ſhall neglect, or faile to performe my truſt and meaning hereby committed vnto them, or ſhall miſemploy the ſaid ſtocke contrarie to my good intent to the poore before declared, by the ſpace of one whole yeare at any time after my ſaid Legacie ſhall be paid them ; Then my will and meaning is, that my ſaid whole Legacy of foure thouſand pounds, and euery part and parcell thereof ſhall thenceforth bee vtterly voyd and of none effect, as to, for, and concerning the ſaid Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeſſes of the towne of *Newbery*, and their ſucceſſors for euer : And that the

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the said whole common stocke shall bee by them the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeses of *Newbery*, and their Successors for the time being, forthwith paid ouer vnto the Maior and Burgeses of the towne of *Reading* in the same Countie, to bee by them and their Successors for euer employed, bestowed, and vsed in like manner as I haue by this my Will deuised and appointed another common stocke for the poore in the same towne of *Reading*, as by my said deuice and disposition before herein more at large expressed doth and may appeare.

In like manner also my will and meaning is, that in case of such non-performance of my will and intent by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgeses of the Towne of *Newbery*, the house and garden by them so to bee purchased and built, as aforesaid, shall bee by the said Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeses of the Towne of *Newbery*, and their Successors, conueyed and made ouer by their Deed sufficient in Law, vnto the Maior and Burgeses of the said Towne of *Reading* and their Successors for euer, to bee by them sold and conuerted into money, and the same money to bee vsed and imployed in their common stocke for the poore in the said towne of *Reading* aforesaid, in such sort as I haue formerly hereby expressed.

And for the performance of the said trust and vses by the said Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeses of the town of *Newbery* aforesaid, my wil & meaning is, that the said sum
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of foure thousand pounds so to them bequeathed and deuised as aforesaid, shall be paid vnto them or their Successors in manner as followeth, (that is to say) One thousand pounds thereof at the end of one yeare next ensuing after the day of my decease : One other thousand pounds thereof at the end of two yeares from and after my said decease : And the residue being two thousand pounds, shall be paid them at the end of three yeares next after my said decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Company of Drapers of the Citie of *London*, (of which Company I am free) the summe of two thousand and foure hundred pounds, to purchase lands and hereditaments to the cleare yearly value of one hundred pounds for euer, ouer and aboue all charges and reprises : and with the same to performe these good vses hereafter mentioned, (that is to say)

The summe of twenty foure pounds thereof yearly for euer, to bee bestowed in the Moneth of December for the releasing of fixe poore Prisoners out of these Prisons in *London*, to wit, the two Compters, Ludgate, Newgate, and the Fleet, by foure pounds for each Prisoner.

Or if such cannot be found in the said Prisons or some of them to be released for these summes : Then the same or the residue thereof to bee bestowed in like releasing of other Prisoners out of some of the Prisons neere *London*, and out of the liberties thereof, as to the

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the Wardens of the said Company for the time being shall seeme meet.

More, Twentie pounds yearly for euer to the Curate of the Parish of Saint *Christopher* wherein I now dwell, to reade diuine Seruice in the said Parish Church at fixe of the clocke in the morning euery day of the weeke for euer, in like manner as is now vsed in the Chappell at the great North gate of Saint Pauls Church in *London*.

More, To the Clarke and Sexton of the said Parish of Saint *Christopher*, to each of them fiftie shillings yearly for euer, to doe their seuerall attendance and assistance at the same diuine Service euery morning.

More, To the Churchwardens of the same Parish of Saint *Christopher*, five pounds yearly for euer for the maintenance of lights in the winter time.

More, Three pounds yearly for euer to the poore of the said Parish of Saint *Christopher*.

More, To the poore Prisoners in *London* ten pounds yearly for euer: namely, to the Prisoners of the Competers in the Poultry and in Woodstreet, and in Newgate, to each of these Prisons forty shillings yearly for euer.

To the poore Prisoners in Ludgate and in the Fleet, to each house thirtie shillings yearly for euer.

And to the poore prisoners in Bedlem twenty shillings yearly for euer.

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More, To the Clarke of the Companie of Drapers aforefaid for the time being, for his paines herein for- tie shillings yearly for euer.

More, To the Beadle of the faid Companie thirtie shillings yearly for euer.

More, To the Beadle of the Yeomanrie of the same Companie ten shillings yearly for euer.

More, Fiue and twentie pounds yearly for euer to be distributed by the faid Wardens among poore religious men and women in the Citie of *London*, to some more and to some lesse, as the faid Wardens shall finde their necessitie and desert to bee; wherein my desire is that poore Clothworkers and their widowes shall bee first preferred; and next, the poore of the Drapers Com- pany: The residue of the said summe of one hundred pounds a yeare, being foure pounds yearly for euer, I entreat the foure Wardens of the faid Companie to accept for their paines, to be equally diuided betwene them by twentie shillings to each of them for the time being yearly for euer.

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And if the said Company of Drapers doe either of purpose or negligence, omit, and not performe the premisses, but shall leaue the same vnperformed one whole year after they shall haue receiued this my Legacy of two thousand and foure hundred pounds (which I will shall be paid them at the end of one year next after my decease) Then my mind and will is, that the Gouvernors of Christs Hospitall in *London* shall recouer the whole two thousand and foure hundred pounds before specified, or the lands and hereditaments that the said Companie shall haue bought with the same money; and keepe twentie pounds yearly for euer of the same Rent, for the maintenance of the poore Children in the said Hospitall, as if the same had beene first giuen to them; and the Drapers Companie to haue nothing to doe with it, or the rest of the said hundred pounds yearly for euer.

And that in this case the yearly payment of eight pounds vnto the Clarke, Beadles, and Wardens of the said Companie, as also 12 pound parcell of the said five and twentie pounds a yeare before deuised, to be paid and distributed by the said Company among poore religious men and women in the Citie of *London*, vtterly and for euer to cease.

But this twentie pounds a yeare being so conuerted as aforesaid, to the vse of the Hospitall, the residue of the said yearly Rent of one hundred pounds a yeare I will that the Gouvernors of the said Hospitall shall pay and distribute yearly for euer in manner and forme as the said Company of Drapers should haue done.

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Item, I giue and bequeath to the said Company of Drapets one hundred pounds to be paid within a yeare after my decease, and by the Wardens of the said Company to be bestowed in plate, such as they shall thinke good for the vse of their common Hall in *London* at their meetings and dinners there.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the poore of Christs Hospitall in *London* five hundred pounds, to be by the Gouvernours thereof bestowed in lands and hereditaments for and towards the yearly maintenance of the children of the said Hospitall for euer; this summe to be paid to the said Gouvernours or the Treasurer of the said Hospitall, as soone as they shall haue found out a fit purchase to bestow it, and agreed of price for the same.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the curing of sick, fore, and diseased persons in *Saint Bartholmewes Hospitall* in *London*, the summe of fifty pounds.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the curing of sick, fore, and diseased persons in *Saint Thomas Hospitall* in *Southwarke* neere *London*, the summe of fiftie pounds.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the repairing of the Parish Church of *Saint Christopher* where I now dwell, the summe of forty pounds, to bee paid to the Churchwardens of the same Parish, within one yeare after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the repaying of the Cathedrall Church of *Saint Pauls* in *London*, the summe of one thousand pounds, to bee paid to the Cham-

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Chamberlaine of *London*, at such time as that worke of repairing of the same Church shall be ready to proceed with effect, and to be disposed by the direction and appointment of the Lord Maior and Aldermen of the said Citie.

Item, I giue & bequeath to be given at the mariages of poore maids within the City of *London* two hundred pounds to be distributed by forty shillings apiece vpon the dayes of their mariage, to such as haue serued one Master or Mistris by the space of five yeares together.

Item, I giue and bequeath, to be given & distributed to poore maids in the town of *Reading* in the county of *Berks* at their seuerall mariages, by 40 shillings apiece, at the discretion of the Mayor and Burgeses of that towne, the Summe of one hundred pounds: *Provided*, none enioy the benefit thereof, but such as haue serued one Master, or Mistris, or Dame, by the space of seven yeares together. This hundred pounds to be paid to the said Maior and Burgeses for the vse aforesaid within one yeare next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeses of the Towne of *Newbury* in *Barkshire*, the summe of fifty pounds, to be by them bestowed and distributed to twenty five Maids of the same towne at the seuerall dayes of their mariages, none to enioy this gift but such as haue well and honestly serued with one Master, Mistris, or Dame, by the space of seven yeares at least: And this fifty pounds to bee paid to the said Maior, Aldermen, and Burgeses within one yeare next after my decease.

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Item, I giue and bequeath towards the setting on worke of fortie idle vagrant boyes, such as goe vp and downe the streets in the City of *London*, begging and pilfering, the summe of two hundred pounds, to bee paid to the Treasurer for the time being of the house of correction, called Bridewell in *London*, in manner and forme following : (that is to say) When any such Boy is taken vp by my Executor or his Assignes in any place within the liberties of this Citie of *London*, and by the Treasurer of the same house of correction and Gouvernours there for the time being, placed and bound Apprentice with a Master for the terme of seuen years at the least, with Artmasters, as Glouers, Pinners, Shoemakers, or any other occupation or art which they shall bee thought most fit for, to learne in the said house, whereby in time they may proue good Members, and liue like honest men in the Common-wealth : I say, with euery one of these boyes shall bee paid to the Treasurer and Gouvernour for the time being, for the apparelling and placing of them in that order, the sum of fise pounds, vntill the said summe of two hundred pounds be fully paid for that vse.

Item, I giue and bequeath towards the finishing of the pinacles of the Steeple of the Parish of Saint *Maries* in *Reading* in *Barkshire*, fifty pounds to be paid to the Churchwardens of the same Parish within one moneth after the said Pinacles shall be finished.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior and Burgeses of the towne of *Reading* aforesaid; the summe of
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five hundred pounds, to bee first lent to these parties, and in the summes hereafter named, for seven yeares *gratis*: that is, to *James Winch* two hundred pounds, and to *Walter Rye*, *Richard Stampe*, and *William Blacknal* Clothiers, one hundred pound a peece, each of them giuing bond with two sufficient Sureties for repayment thereof to the said Maior and Burgessees at the end of the said seven yeares. And afterwards the same five hundred pounds shall be lent to tenne severall honest industrious poore Clothiers, Freemen of the same Towne, by fifty pounds a peece *gratis* for three yeeres vpon like good securitie: And after that in like manner from three yeeres to three yeeres for euer. And no man to have the vse of any of this money twice.

But if there shall not be Clothiers enough found in the said Towne to enioy this loane in manner aforesaid, That then the said money shall be lent also vnto other tradesmen free of the said Towne, by the summes and termes of yeares before last appointed, to such as set most poore people on worke, according to the discretion of the said Maior and Burgessees. And this said summe of five hundred pounds shall be paid to the said Maior and Burgessees to the vse aforesaid, at the end of one yeare next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior, Aldermen, and Burgessees of the Towne of *Newbery*, in the Countie of *Berkes*, the summe of five hundred pounds, to be lent first for the terme of seven yeares *gratis* vnto these severall Clothiers here named, (that is to say) to *Thomas Newman* one hundred pounds, to *Richard Avery* one

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hundred pounds, to *Martin Broaker* fifty pounds, to *William Goodwyn* the elder, fifty pounds; & to his son *William Goodwyn* fittie pounds; to *Timothy Auerie* fifty pounds: to *Robert Bacon* fifty pounds, & to *Griffin Forster* fifty pounds; euery of the said seuerall parties entring bond with two sufficient sureties for repaiment of the said seuerall sums to the said Maior & Aldermen, & Burgessees at the end of 7 yeares. And afterwards the same 500 pounds shall be lent to ten seuerall honest industrious poore Clothiers, free of the said Towne of *Newbery*, by fifty pounds apiece *gratis* for three yeares: And after that in like manner from three yeares to three yeares for euer: And no man to haue the vse of this money twice. But if there shall not be Clothiers enough found in the same town of *Newberie* to enioy this loane in manner as aforesaid, then the same money shall be lent also vnto other Trades-men free of the same towne, by the sums and termes of yeares last before appointed, to such as set most poore people on worke, according to the discretion of the said Maior, Aldermen, and Burgessees, to whom this said five hundred pounds shall be paid to the vse aforesaid, at the end of one yeare after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Gouernour, Assistants, and fellowship of Merchants-Aduenturers of *England*, the sum of 900 pounds to be lent by 300 pounds in a parcell for three yeares *gratis*; vnto three seuerall honest, industrious, & frugall young men free of that company, none of them being Partners with each others, and euery of them giuing bond with two sufficient Sureties, to be tried and allowed by ballating and not
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otherwise, for repaiment of the same money to the said Company : And so the same money to bee lent out by the said Company in this manner from three yeares to three yeares for euer.

And my will and desire is, that these my five present Seruants shall be vpon security as aforesaid first preferred to the enioying of this loane, to wit, *William Powle*, *Thomas Newman*, and *Simon Gundy*, the first three years; and *Andrew Kendrick*, and *Christopher Pack*, the next two parcels that shall come in and be receiued in after they shall be freemen of that company. And for performance hereof the said nine hundred pounds shall be paid vnto the Treasurer of the said Companie in *London* for the time being, at the end of one yeare next after my decesse.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my brother *William Kendricke* of *Reading* in the Countie of *Berkes* Clothier, and to his children now borne and liuing, the summe of two thousand pounds ; whereof one third part for himselfe, and the other two third parts for his said children. The same two third parts of the said summe of two thousand pounds to be equally diuided to and amongst his said Children, share and share like.

And my will is, that the said two thousand pounds be paid to my said brother at the end of three yeares next after my decesse ; And that hee shall pay his said children their seuerall shares thereof aforelimited, (that is to say) to his Sonne his share and part when he cometh to the age of twenty foure yeares : and to his Daughter her share and part when she cometh to the age

age of one and twentie yeares, or at the day of her marriage; which shall first happen.

And if it fortune either of my said brothers children to die or decease before their respectiue Legacies aforesaid shall grow due, as aboue; That then the part of such Child so deceasing shall accrew and be paid to the Survivor of the said children at the day and time before appointed.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my said brother *William Kendricke* my Gold Ring which was my Fathers, with the Letters T. K., therein engraueu, and a knor between the same Letters.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my Sister *Anna Newman* of *Reading* in the Countie of *Berkes*, the summe of one thousand Markes to be paid vnto her at the end of one yeere next after my decease.

Item, I giue vnto the children of my said Sister *Anna Newman* the summe of two thousand Markes, to be equally diuided amongst them share and share like: and the shares of such as are alreadie married (if they be daughters;) or are foure and twentie yeares of age (if they be Sonnes) to be paid them at the end of one yeare after my decease: and the shares of the rest to be paid to such as be Sonnes, when they shall be foure and twenty yeares of age: and to the Daughters at their day of marriage, or when they shall come to one and twentie yeares of age respectiue which of these shall happen to be first.

And if it shall happen any of the said Children of my said Sister to die before the age and time

so prefixed for payment as aforesaid (I meane those that bee yet vnder that age and vnmarried) then my will is, that the share and part of such as shall so dye, shall accrew and bee payd vnto the rest of the same children then suruiuing, share and share like: And at the dayes and times of payment before appoynted, for their owne feuerall shares and parts.

But my will and meaning is, that *Thomas Newman* Son of my sayd Sister, shall not haue any part or share of this sayd legacy of two thousand Markes; because I giue him a large legacy apart by this my will: therefore the sayd two thousand Markes is to be deuided and shared amongst the rest of the children of my sayd sister as aforesaid.

Item, I do hereby absolutely acquit and forgiue my Brother in Law *Thomas Newman* of *Reading* aforesaid, husband to my sister *Anna Newman*, the summe of one hundred Markes: which hee oweth me by his bond, due the second day of *November Anno dom. 1623.* being all that hee oweth me at the date of this my will.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my Sister *Alice Vignes* of *Exeter*, in the County of *Deuon*, the summe of five hundred pounds, to be payd her at the end of two yeares next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Children of my said Sister *Alice Vignes*, the summe of one thousand pounds to be deuided equally among them share and share like: and if any of them being Sonnes, be of the age of sower and twenty yeares, or any of them being daughters, bee of the age of one and twenty yeares, or married, then the

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share and parts of such respectiuely, shall be payed at the end of two yeares, next after my decease; and the shares and parts of the rest shall be payd to such as be Sonnes at their age of fower and twenty yeares : and to such as be daughters, at their age of one and twenty yeares : or at the daies of their marriage, which of them shall first happen to come respectiuely.

But my will and meaning is, that *Simon Gandy* Sonne of my sayd Sister *Alice Vignes*, shall not haue any part or share of this said legacy of one thousand pounds, because I giue him a large legacy apart by this my will: but my meaning is, that this sayd legacy of one thousand pounds so giuen as aforesaid, to the Children of my said Sister *Alice Vignes*, shal be equally deuided among the rest of the Children of my sayd Sister, excluding the said *Simon Gandy* from all part and share of the same : and if it shall happen any of the sayd Children of my said sister *Alice Gandy* to dye, before the age and time of the payments apointed as aforesaid (I meane when they be vnder that age and vnmarried) then my will and meaning is, that the share and part of such as shall so dye, shall be payd and accrew vnto the rest of the same children soe furniuing, to each of them equally, and share and share like : and at the dayes and times of payment before apoynted, for their owne seuerall shares, and parts.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my brother *James Winch* of *Purley* in the County of *Berks*, and to his children, the summe of one thousand pounds, whereof one third part for himselfe, and the other two third partes for his sayd children : the same two third parts to be deuided equally

qually amongst the said children, of my said brother, share and share like.

And my will is, that this summe of one thousand pounds, shall be payd to my said brother *James Winch*, at the end of one yeare next after my decease, and that hee shall pay forthwith vnto such of his children as being Sonnes, and of the age of fower and twenty yeares, and being daughters, are of the age of one and twenty yeares, or married, their seuerall shares and proportions, of the said two third parts of this summe of one thousand pounds: the shares and parts of the rest of his children hee shall retayne in his owne hands, vntill his sayd children being Sonnes, shalbe of the age of fower and twenty yeares, and being daughters shal be of the age of one and twenty yeares or be married: and then shall pay euery of them their senerall shares and parts respectiuely.

And if it shall happen any of the said younger children to dye before the time of payment so limited as aforesayd, then my will is, that the part and share of such as shall so decease, shall accrew vnto the rest of the said children of my said Brother that shall then suruiue, to be equally deuided amongst them, share and share like, and to be payd at the dayes and times before appoynted.

Item, I giue and bequeath to thirtie of my poorest kindred in the Towne of Reading in Bark-shire, the summe of three hundreth pounds, to bee paid vnto my brother *William Kendrick* within three moneths after my decease, and by him to be distributed by ten pounds in euerie parcell, as he in his discretion shall thinke good,

wherein I pray him to bee very carefull to bestow the same where there is most neede and best desert.

Item, I giue and bequeath to old *Elizabeth Kendrick* of Reading, daughter to my fathers brother *William Kendrick* (as I take it) the summe of fiftie pounds, to bee paid her within three moneths after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my kinf-man *Thomas Newman* now residing at Delft in Holland, the summe of one thousand pounds, to be paid him vppon the five and twentie day of October, which shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God 1626. when his time of seruice expireth. Prouided that he remaine with my partner *M. Laurence Halstead* and serue him his said full time.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my kinf-man and late seruant *Simon Gandie*, the summe of one thousand pounds, to bee paid him within one yeare next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath vnto *Arthur Aynscombe* Marchant now resident at Antwerp, who hath a share with me in trade, the summe of five hundred pounds, to be paid him within two yeares after my decease. Prouided that he goe forward in trade with *M. Laurence Halstead* (if hee the said *M. Halstead* shall desire it) vnto the end of our contract, which will bee the five and twentie of October, Anno Domini. 1626.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Barney Reymes* Marchant now residing at Delft, who also hath a share with me in trade, the summe of five hundred pounds, to bee paid him within two yeares next after my decease. Prouided that hee goe forward in trade with *M. Laurence Halstead*

Halstead (if hee the said *M. Halstead* shall desire it) vnto the end of our contract, which will be the five and twentie of October, Anno Domini. 1626. as is abouesaid.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *M. Iohn Quarles* who was my Maister, the summe of five hundred pounds, to be paid him within a yeare next after my decease. And my earnest desire and request vnto *M. Lawrence Halstead* is, that vnto the ende of our contract of Partnership, which will be the five and twentie day of October, Anno Domini. 1626. The same *M. Quarles* may haue his Diet, Lodging, and washing, in his the said *M. Halsteads* house free and without paying any thing therefore, as he now hath it with me. And my desire also is, that he may continew to keepe the bookes of our partable accompt vntill the aforesaid twentie five day of October, Anno 1626. And bee paid his wonted yearlie allowance of fittie pounds for the same. And I doe heereby freely and absolutely forgiue the said *M. Iohn Quarles*, the summe of three hundred pounds, which hee oweth me payable at pleasure, being lent him the last of March. Anno 1615. and beeing all that hee oweth me at the date of this my will.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *M. George Lowe* Marchant, heereto-fore my partner, the summe of three hundred pounds, to bee paid him within one yeare next after my decease. And I do hereby also absolutely forgiue him all that is due vnto me for his Lodging, Dyet, Fy-ring, and Washing, which hee hath had of me now six yeares together.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Thomas Billing* his sonne

of *Sir Henrie Billingslie* Knight, and Alderman of London deceased, the summe of two hundred pounds, to bee paid him within one yeare next after my decease. And I doe also absolutely forgiue him the summe of two hundred pounds which hee oweth me, by his bond due the twentie of December, Anno 1625. lent him the twentie of this present moneth for a yeare.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Executors of *Thomas Iackson* of London Marchant deceased (whome I take to bee *Miles Iackson* the sonne of the said *Thomas*) the summe of three hundred pounds to bee paid at the end of one yeare next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Lucas van Peenen* of Middleburgh in Zealand, sonne of *Roger van Peenen* of that towne deceased, the summe of fiftie pounds sterling, to bee made ouer by exchange within two moneths after my decease, payable at Vsance to *John Mount Stephen* now residing in that towne, to bee by him paid ouer to the said *Lucas van Peenen* forthwith after he hath receiued it, in the full Flemish summe which the same shall produce.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Jeremias Poets* of the said Towne of Middleburgh in Zealand (if he bee the Executor of his brother *Hance Poets* deceased) the summe of twentie pounds Sterling to bee made ouer by exchange; within two moneths after my decease, payable at Vsance to *John Mount-Stephen* afore-named, and by him forthwith after his receipt thereof, to bee paid ouer to the said *Jeremias Poets*, in the full Flemish summe which the same shall produce.

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Item, I giue and bequeath to *William Powle* my couenant seruant the summe of two hundred pounds, to bee paid him within six moneths after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Andrew Kendrick* my apprentice the summe of three hundred pounds, to bee paid him when he shall haue serued seven yeares from the couenant of the terme of his Indenture.

More, I giue and bequeath to the said *Andrew Kendrick* the summe of one hundred poundes, in Lieu of so much giuen me with him by his Father *Iohn Kendrick* to bee paid him within three moneths next after my decease vppon acquittance to bee giuen by his said Father therfore.

Item, I giue and bequeath vnto *Christopher Packe* mine apprentice, the summe of one hundred poundes, to bee paid him within three moneths next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Thomas Mayle* my horse-keeper, the summe of twentie pounds, to be paid him within two moneths after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my maide *Margaret*, twentie poundes, to bee paid her within two moneths next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my maide *Dorothy*, twentie poundes, to be paid her within two moneths after my decease.

Item, I giue vnto *Iohn Hutwith* my drawer, the summe of fiftie pounds, to bee paid him within three moneths after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Walter Bird* my drawer
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five and twenty pounds, to bee payd him within three moneths after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the present men-servants of *Iohn Hutwith* my drawer, the summe of five and twenty pounds, whereof ten pounds to *Charles*, and the other nineteene pounds to be equally devided amongst the rest, as well Prentices as iournimen, to bee payd within two moneths after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my twelue Cloathworkers that vsually rowe and shere my cloaths, the summe of one hundred and thirty pounds, whereof twenty pounds to *Owen Dobkines*, and ten pounds a peice to the rest, to be payd within three moneths next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *William Bigge* and *William Salisbury*, that vsually presse and fold my cloaths, the summe of five and twenty pounds, whereof siectene pounds to *William Bigge*, and ten pounds to *William Salisbury*, to be payd them within three moneths next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my Porters at the water side ten pounds, to be equally devided among them, and ten pounds to my Porters that vsually pack in my house: to be payd within two months next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my Water-bearer three pounds, and to my Washer *Anthony* five pounds, to be payd them forthwith after my decease:

Item, I giue and bequeath to *William Beadle* of *Reading* Clothier, the summe of fifty pounds, if hee be yet aliue:

aliue : and if hee be dead, then to his Executors, to be payd within three moneths, next after my decease: and I do hereby also forgieue the said *William Beadle*, the ten pounds hee now oweth me.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Executors of *Mark Slye* of *Reading* Clothier deceased, the summe of fifty pounds, to be payd within three moneths next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Thomas Newman* of *Newbury* Cloathier, the summe of one hundred pounds, to be payd him within three moneths after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *John Skeymare*, secretary to the Merchants Aduenturers, the summe of one hundred pounds, to be payd within three moneths next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the widdow *Harrison*, and her daughter dwelling in the Aleynext my dwelling house, five pounds to be payd within one month next after my decease.

Item I giue and bequeath to *Mr. Richard Bennet* who was heretofore my Partner, the summe of three hundred pounds: to be payd at the end of one year next after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to *Mr. William Towerson Skynner*, Deaputy of the Merchant Aduenturers, five pounds, to make him a Ring; and to *Mr. Thomas Smyth Skynner*, five pounds to make him a Ring, to be payd them forthwith after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath unto *Ralph Barnet*, *William Ellers*, and *John Sainborne* Officers of the Merchant

Aduentures five pounds a peece, to be payd them forth-
with after my decease.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior and Bur-
gesses of the Towne of *Reading* in the County of *Berks*,
the summe of two hundred and fifty pounds, to be payd
them at the end of one yeare next after my deceale,
therewith to purchase Lands and Hereditaments to the
cleere yearely vallew of ten pounds for euer, to main-
aie diuine seruice to bee sayd in the Parish Church of
Saint Mary in that Towne, by the Parson or his Curate
euery morning of the weeke, at six of the clocke for euer.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Maior, Aldermen,
and Burgesses, of the Towne of Newberry in the Coun-
tie of *Berkes*, the summe of two hundred and fiftie
pounds, to bee paid them at the ende of one yeare next
after my decease, therewith to purchase Lands, or Hedi-
taments, of the cleare yearely valew of tenne poundes
for euer, to maintaine diuine Seruice to bee said in the
Church of that Towne, by the Parson or his Curate eu-
ry morning of the weeke, at six of the clock to continew
for euer.

Item, I giue and bequeath to my kinsman *william*
Bye, dwelling neere the Allum Mynes in Yorke-shire, the
summe of one hundred pounds, to bee paid him within
three moneths after my decease. And I hereby forgieue
him the ten pounds he oweth me by his bond due long
since.

Item, I giue and bequeath to the Companie of Dra-
pers in London, the summe of fortie pounds, to bee be-
stowed vpon a dinner for the Liuerie of that Companie,

to beat their Hall vpon the day of my buriall, this to bee paid forthwith after my decease.

And my will and meaning is, that in case any of the persons afore-named to whome I haue bequeathed Legacies as afore-said, and not specially disposed for case of their decease, shall happen to die before the same Legacies grow due: Then the Legacie, or Legacies so by me giuen vnto them as afore-said, shalbe payd vnto their Executors or Administrators, at such time as I haue before seuerally appointed vnto them my Legataries. And I doe make and ordaine my louing friend and Partner *M. Lawrence Halstead*, my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, Charging him as he will answer it before Almighty God at the last day of iudgement, that he truly and punctually in euery particular, performe this my said last will and Testament, as I nothing doubt but he will be very carefull to doe. Hereby giuing and bequeathing vnto him my said Executor, all the residue and Remainder of my Estate, my Legacies before bequeathed being first paid and discharged. In witnes of the premisses, I haue vnto this my last Will and Testament, contained in eightene seuerall sheetes of paper put my hand and seale: That is, my seale once at the top, and my name vnder euery seuerall sheete, the day and yeare first aboue written. *John Kendrick*. Sealed, pronounced and deliuered by the said *John Kendrick*, as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of vs, *John Skinner, Andrew Kendrick, Thomas Singleton*.

Probatum coram Magistro Arthuro Ducke, Legum Doctore Surrogato, &c. vltimo die mensis Decembris, Anno Domini 1624. Iuramento Laurentij Halstead Executoris, &c. Cui &c. de bene, &c. iurat.





